Central Government may not be similar in all respects with that in the public sector undertakings for variety of reasons. The 4th Pay Commission further observed that the Central Government is a vast and complex organisation. The pay structure for the employees of such an organisation cannot be based on a simple comparison of pay scales of posts at the lowest level in the Public Sector Undertakings. Accordingly, the pay structure and conditions of service of the Central Government employees have to be determined on their own merits.

(c) In view of (b) does not arise.

Scheduled Tribes in Public Undertakings

5797. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Public Sector Undertakings in the country and the number of employees working in them;

(b) the number of scheduled tribes amongst them;

(c) the number of posts reserved for scheduled tribes lying vacant; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government to fill up the same ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). In all, there are 245 Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in the country. As per information available from 228 PSUs, as on 1.1.95, out of 20,46,090 employees, 1,61,023 belong to S.T.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) All Public Sector Undertakings have been advised to assess the backlog vacancies reserved for SC & ST and fill up these vacancies through Special Recruitment Drive by 31.3.97.

[English]

Liquidity Problems Faced by SSU

5798. SHRI NANDKUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the small scale units in the country are facing liquidity problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps poposed to be taken by the Government to help small scale units in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). Credit outstanding to small scale units from Public Sector Banks has increased from Rs. 25,843 crores at the end of March, 1995 to Rs. 29,482 crores at the end of March, 1996. The share of small scale credit as a percentage of net bank credit has also increased from 15.29% at the end of March, 1995 to 15.99% at the end of March, 1996. In addition to credit from Public Sector Banks, Small Industries Development Bank of India has given direct assistance of Rs. 2468 crores in 1995-96 to small scale units.

(c) Does not arise.

Participation in Automobile Fair in Frankfurt

5799. SHRI P. C. CHACKO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India propose to participate in the Frankfurt Automobile Fair in September, 1996;

(b) if so, the details of items proposed to be exhibited;

(c) whether adequate publicity have been given by the Engineering Export Promotion Council and the Automotive Manufacturing Association; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the items to be exhibited by Companies participating in the fair are Automotive lighting and components, Automotive rubber components, sheet metal parts, Hydraulic engine and transmission mountings, Suspension accessories, Automotive halogen lamps, Electrical components, Leaf Springs, Forgings, Seals, and gas setc, Cylinder liners, Trailer parts and Rear axle shafts.

(c) Yes, Sir. Adequate publicity has been given by the Engineering Export Promotion Council and the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association in India and abroad. In addition, ITPO who are also participating in the Fair, have also organised publicity.

(d) The Publicity measures undertaken by Engineering Export Promotion Council and Automotive Component Manufacturers Association and India Trade Promotion Organisation are as under :

EEPC

— Mailing campaign has been done to major wholesale and distribution associations in all the EU countries.

— Invitation letters have been sent to major buyers and OEMs in Germany.

— A leaflet highlighting the following has been brought out for distribution at the EEPC's Information Booth :

(a) Highlights of Indian Automotive Industry